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BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public Health Inspector

B O R O U G H O F T I V E R T O N

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1973

Acting Part-time Medical Officer of Health

Dr. L. N. JACKSON, M.C.T.D., B.A., D.M., B.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.G.P.

Chief Public Health Inspector

ROBERT F. COLDHAM, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector

GRAHAM A. WISEMAN, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk/Shorthand Typist

MRS. D. TEDDER (until 1.11.73.)

Part-time Clerical Assistant

MRS. G. VANSTONE (1.3.73 - 16.11.73)

Rodent Operative

H. WHITTAKER

The Chairman of the Health Committee of the year 1973 was:-

ALDERMAN C. S. SKINNER

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December, 1973

Public Health Department,
2 St. Peter Street,
Tiverton, Devon.

February, 1974.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report of the Borough of Tiverton for the year ending December 31st, 1973.

Vital statistics are less complete than in former reports since some of these will not be available until April next.

The general health of the Borough throughout the year was satisfactory.

I take this opportunity of thanking the Council and Officers for their kindness and concern to me during my year of office.

DR. L. N. JACKSON
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE AREA

Domestic properties as at 1st April 1973	5,611
Rateable Value	£1,664,724
Estimated Penny Rate Product	15,600
Area of Borough - acres	17,680

BIRTHS AND INFANT MORTALITY

LIVE BIRTHS

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	407	206	201
Illegitimate	33	16	17
	440	222	218

STILL BIRTHS

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	4		
Illegitimate	-		
	4		

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	411	206	201
Illegitimate	33	16	17
	444	222	218

DEATHS - all ages

Males - 70 Females - 110 Total - 180

DEATHS FROM CANCER DURING 1973

	Male	Female
Cervix	-	1
Bronchus	6	1
Bladder	1	1
Stomach	2	3
Other Sites	2	1
Pancreas	1	-
Breast	-	4
Rectum	-	3
Caecum	-	2
Pharynx	1	1
Oesophagus	-	1
TOTAL:	13	18

CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1973

		Brought Forward:	232
Adrenal	-	Liver	1
Antrum	1	Leukaemia	11
Bile Duct	-	Lymphonatisis	4
Bladder	9	Melanoma	1
Bowels	22	Maxilla	1
Brain	-	Mouth	-
Breast	59	Oesophagus	20
Bronchus	103	Ovary	5
Caecum	2	Pancreas	15
Cervix	1	Peritonei	5
Face	1	Pharynx	4
Gall Bladder	5	Prostate	19
Intestine	23	Rectum	10
Kidney	2	Stomach	98
Larynx	3	Testis	1
Leg	1	Throat	2
	232		429

CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1973

Brought Forward	429	Brought Forward	456
Thyroid Gland	1	Uretha	-
Tongue	-	Vagina	-
Tonsil	1	Vulva	-
Uterus	25	Other Sites	159
	456		615

Total Cancer Deaths 615

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Hospital Sevices

The following report has been received from Mr. A. D. Ruddock, Acting Group Secretary to the Exeter and Mid-Devon Hospital Management Committee:-

"The general level of activity in the three Tiverton Hospitals has again been maintained throughout 1973 although, in the latter part of the year, nursing staff recruitment problems necessitated the temporary closure of Post Hill Hospital. There was a total of 2,251 patients discharged from the hospitals following in-patient treatment, including 1,832 from the Tiverton & District Hospital. There were also 421 live births in the Maternity Unit at the District Hospital. Out-patient clinics were attended by 3,782 new patients, and 4,079 new patients were treated in the Casualty Department at the District Hospital. During the year, the total out-patient attendances were 9,464, and 7,735 in the Casualty Department.

The South Western Regional Hospital Board has continued preliminary planning for the redevelopment of Belmont Hospital but unfortunately, due to the limitations of available capital funds, no plans have been finalised and no date fixed for the commencement of rebuilding."

2. Domiciliary Midwifery

We have two district midwives. We are fortunate to have a M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town.

3. Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory is situated in Church Lane, Heavitree, Exeter and full use was made of their facilities.

4. Health Education

a. Venereal Diseases

No action is taken on V.D. as the incidence is very low and from outside sources.

5. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers

None in the area.

6. Ambulance Facilities

Four ambulances operate in the District, three are centred in Tiverton and the other in Cullompton.

7. Clinics and Treatment Centres

Ophthalmic Clinic

Third Monday each month all day. Second Tuesday each month afternoon only.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Wednesday and Thursday mornings by appointment with Mrs. J. Worby, Speech Therapist.

Child Health Clinic

Every Wednesday 2 - 4 p.m.

7. Clinics and Treatment Centres - continued

Child Development Clinics

By appointment only.

School Dental Service

Emergency treatment - Fridays 9 - 9.30 a.m. and by appointment. Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Burnett first Friday in the month.

Chiropody Clinic

Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays and some Fridays by appointment.

Hearing Assessment Clinic

Every third Tuesday in alternate months.

Ante Natal Clinic

Thursday and Friday afternoons - 2.15 - 4.15 p.m.

Cervical Cytology

Twice monthly on Thursday evenings by appointment.

Home Help Organisation

No longer based at the Tiverton Clinic, now comes under the Social Services Department, Hammetts Square.

Mass Radiography

This valuable service continues to function smoothly and pays fortnightly visits to the town on a Wednesday Morning between 10 - 11 a.m. in the Market Place.

7. Clinics and Treatment Centres - continued

Child Welfare Centres

Attendance for 1973 as follows :-

Total infants attending for the first time		177
Total number of sessions held		51
No. of sessions held with Assistant County M.O.H.		23
No. of attendances during 1973	- infants	1088
	- 1 - 2 years old	219
	- 2 - 5 years old	162

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitors, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Held on 52 Tuesdays during the year. Miss Marsh, Medical Records Officer, makes the appointments.

Number on Register at 1.1.73	-	207
Number on Register at 31.12.73	-	150
Sessions held	-	39
Number of new cases		229
Total attendances		667

Scheme for Notification to Medical Officer of Health of Congental Defects apparent at Birth

No action taken under this scheme at present.

Scheme for Provision of Incontinence Pads Service

These are supplied by the District Nursing Sisters to patients who require them.

Clinics and Treatment Centres - continued

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles and B.C.G. Immunisation

This is done by the family doctor or by the school medical service.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

No action taken.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Poliomyelitis

No case of this disease has occured during the year.

Tuberculosis

There were three new cases during the year. No deaths were reported.

Age Periods	Scarlet Fever		Measles	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	1
2 years	-	-	-	-
3 years	1	-	1	1
4 years	1	-	-	1
5 to 9 years	7	5	1	-
10 to 14 years	3	2	1	1
15 to 24 years	1	-	3	-
25 and over	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	1	-

CONCLUSION

Fluoridation

The natural content of the Borough Water Supply is extremely low and no provision has yet been made to add fluoride artificially. The Council are uncommitted as to the value of this procedure.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Tiverton Borough Council

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I submit for your consideration my report for the year ended 31st December, 1973.

During the latter part of the year Local Government Reorganisation began to take effect; part of my time was spent on District Council work leading to extra pressures on the Department.

It is to be hoped that after 99 years since the passing of the Charter of Public Health (The P.H. Act 1875) this new era of Local Government will bring forth as much progress as in the past century.

I must record my appreciation for the support I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and from Doctor Jackson, Acting Medical Officer of Health, and to the other Officers of the Council for their co-operation during the year, and my own staff for their continued interest and support at all times.

On the following pages I detail many of the main functions carried out by this department during the year.

ROBERT F. COLDHAM.

P U B L I C H E A L T H

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household and other refuse is collected weekly, except very rural areas which are fortnightly, by direct labour. Many shops and commercial premises have a twice weekly collection.

Disposal is by controlled tipping of household refuse and trade refuse is burnt on the tip.

Unwanted articles are collected on request. One disposal point is provided at the entrance to the Ashley Refuse Tip for householders to dispose of rubbish.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The urban part of the Borough is sewered, and disposal is at the disposal works at Holwell.

The rural dwellings of the Borough are provided with septic tanks, there only being a very few properties remaining with pail closets.

The new Sewage Disposal Works has operated satisfactorily and an acceptable final effluent is being obtained. Sewage is disposed of free of charge to farmers in the Borough.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are eight public conveniences within the Borough now that the new conveniences have opened in Phoenix Lane. These incorporate a separate compartment for the disabled.

It is regretted that hand washing facilities are available in only four of the eight conveniences and even those are with cold water only.

It is envisaged that the old toilets at The Works will be closed in January, 1974.

NOISE ABATEMENT

Complaints were received during the year concerning noise from barking dogs, earth moving machinery and amplified music from a public house. These were all resolved informally by visiting or writing to the persons concerned.

Representations were also made to several contractors using pneumatic road breakers without muffs and full co-operation was received.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

TIVERTON AND DISTRICT SWIMMING POOL

The pool remained open during the year and provided a useful training ground for the youth of the district to learn to swim.

The water is heated and treated by pressure filteration and break point chlorination. The flow is regulated so that all the water passes through the plant every four hours.

Routine residual chlorine and pH tests were taken for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter. Tests showed the water to be of satisfactory degree of purity.

There were 114,895 admissions, including schools and season ticket holders to the pool during the year 1973.

DISINFESTATION

During 1973 19 premises were disinfested by spraying with a suitable insecticide.

PEST DESTRUCTION

This Authority provides a free service for the treatment of rodents and pests to domestic premises and charges for treatment to business and agricultural premises. Four premises were treated successfully following complaints of infestations of bats and one cleared of pigeons.

WASPS NESTS

Wasps nests are treated free of charge and 40 nests were destroyed.

H O U S I N G

Clearance Areas

1952 - 1972

392 properties were dealt with by the Slum Clearance procedure.

1973

Number of Clearance Areas declared - 1 (Chapel Street)

Number of properties - 5

Closing Orders

There was one Closing Order made during the year.

Demolition Orders

There were no Demolition Orders made during the year.

Certificates of Disrepair

There were no Certificates of Disrepair issued during the year.

Housing Repairs

Many repairs were attended to after informal visits, telephone call or letter to the owner.

Council Housing List

The number of applicants on the Council's Housing List at the end of 1973 was 471.

238 new tenancies were granted during the year.
122 new registrations were accepted during the year.

During 1973 the following table shows the number of grants dealt with:-

	No. of Properties	No. Completed
Standard Grants	17	20
Improvement Grants	22	17
Total all Grants	39	37

Qualification Certificates

Five Qualification Certificates were issued during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of Tiverton Borough is supplied with water via the North Devon Water Board, Allers Treatment Works, where the waters from Exe, Norwood and Allers Springs are combined and treated ready for public supply.

Unlike previous years the Allers supply has been extended to include a greater proportion of the Tiverton Rural District, and thus the following bi-monthly figures are of the total supply.

Allers Treatment Works	Average Daily Flow	Maximum Daily Flow
January/February	4,250 m^3	6,251 m^3
March/April	4,081 m^3	4,970 m^3
May/June	4,970 m^3	6,230 m^3
July/August	5,934 m^3	7,220 m^3
September/October	6,194 m^3	7,928 m^3
November/December	6,405 m^3	7,980 m^3

The 1972/1973 average daily consuption was ..... 5,305.6 m^3
The 1972/1973 average total consuption was ..... 1,936,544 m^3

In accordance with the Boards 1972/1973 mainlaying programme, the following mains were laid in Tiverton Borough.

80 mm	100 mm	150 mm
713 m	480 m	424 m

The majority of dwellings within the Borough have mains water piped to within each building, but there remain a few properties on a common standpipe together with approximately 56 outlaying farms and dwellings with private supplies.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made during the year to Board mains in Tiverton District amounted to 287, making a total of 6,212 connections on the 31st of December 1973.

A total of 76 satisfactory samples were taken from private supply pipes, and Board mains within the Tiverton Borough during the year.

ALLERS TREATMENT WORK WATER ANALYSIS

Typical sample showing chemical results in parts per million

Colour	Nil
pH	8.2
Electrical Conductivity	200
Chlorine present as Chloride	15
Hardness: Total	55
Carbonate	15
Non-Carbonate	40
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.0
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Nil
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.03
Metals (Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Cadmium)	Absent
Aluminium	0.6
Turbidity	Less than 1
Odour	Faintly Chlorinous
Free Carbon Dioxide	Absent
Total Solids	95
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	30
Nitrate Nitrogen	Absent
Permanganate Value	.50
Residual Chlorine	0.12
Residual Fluoride	Absent

REMARKS

This sample is clear and bright in appearance and is free from metals. The water is soft in character with a very moderate content of mineral and saline constituents. It is of a high standard of organic quality.

These results indicate a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic uses, from aspect of chemical analysis.

The aforementioned figures have been provided by courtesy of E. A. Robb, Dip. Civil Eng. A.R.T.C., Chief Engineer (South) to the North Devon Water Board.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	Complying with Reg. 18	Reg. 21 Applies	Complying with Reg. 21
Multiple Stores	7	7	7	7
Dairies	4	4	4	4
Butchers	8	7	8	8
Bakers	8	8	8	8
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Fish & Chip Friers	5	5	5	5
Restaurants & Cafes	14	14	14	14
Grocers	16	14	16	15
Chemists	4	4	4	4
Green Grocers	7	7	7	7
Confectioners	14	14	14	14
Licensed Premises	22	22	22	22
Factory Canteens	6	6	6	6
Hospitals Etc.	6	6	6	6
School Canteens	15	15	15	15
Boarding House Acc.	18	18	18	18
Bake Houses	2	2	2	2
Totals:	159	156	159	158

Food Hygiene

All the food premises including the hospital kitchens were inspected.

There was one prosecution under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulation, 1970 which resulted in the owner of the property being fined £25. Prosecution is normally a last resort and when food-premises are visited and contraventions of the regulations are found a request, verbally and in writing, is made to the owner to remedy the defects.

In virtually all cases this is sufficient to bring the premises up to a reasonable standard.

Market

The main market days are Tuesday and Saturday with a small market under cover on a Friday. All food stalls are situated inside the pannier market on Fridays and Saturdays and it is to be hoped that this practise will be extended to Tuesdays.

There are two wash-hand basins provided in the pannier market for the use of stall holders.

Ice Cream

Regular ice cream samples for bacteriological examinations were taken throughout the year, the results of which are shown in the table below:-

Grade	No. of Samples
1	21
2	6
3	3
4	2

Grade 1 = Satisfactory
Grade 2 = Fairly Satisfactory
Grade 3 = Unsatisfactory
Grade 4 = Very unsatisfactory.

Premises from which other than grade 1 samples were taken were re-visited and advised regarding the keeping of ice cream to prevent risk of contamination and the proper cleansing and sterilising of serving utensils. In all cases grade 1 samples were subsequently obtained.

The common causes of bad ice cream samples also apply generally to other food and utensils in food premises and show that great care needs to be taken in their storage, handling and cleansing.

Food Complaints

Complaint	Result
Plum stones and skin in flour	Correspondence with packers and a visit from firms representative. Firm warned.
Sausages purchased, cooked the same day, tasted bad	Shop visited and advised re. coding and stock rotation, by this department and by manufacturers.
Substance in tin of orange juice	Laquer coating peeling to inside surface tin.
Cheese and celery slimming biscuits	Contacted shop and manufacturer re. coding of product.
Tongue tainted	Shop visited re. coding and stock rotations.
Cheese and butter containing glass	Sent to Public Analyst: presence of glass in product when purchased not established.
Milk bottle with plaster inside and out	Dairy notified. Rewards given to milkmen who found dirty bottle.
14 lb potatoes many of which were bad - [redacted]	Shop and packers contacted. Poor time of year for old potatoes.
[redacted] baby food: maggot in it. Roll with hair in it	Maggot could not be found. Hair from a pastry brush. Bakery warned.
Stale pasties	Retailer stopped selling this make of pasty.
Rumanian cheese causing burning in mouth and swelling	Sent to Public Analyst. Nothing abnormal.
Green mould inside milk bottles	Dairy notified and requested to improve spotter system.

Mouldy loaf	Visited by representative of manufacturers. Stock rotation on van to be improved.
Bad pork in restaurant	Inspected kitchen and remaining meat. Found to be clean and fresh.
Mouldy apple pie in restaurant, tinned apples	Remainder of apple pie inspected, no sign of mould.
Fly eggs on bacon	Store visited and an 'Insectacutor' fitted.
Sour cream	Shop and manufacturer contacted re. stock rotation.
Mouldy smoked mackeral	Inspected remainder of mackeral. Advisory letter sent to shop keeper.
Beetle in sandwich loaf	Contacted Health Department of Authority in which bakery is situated.
Bad leg and wing, chicken portions	Shop visited and remaining meat was inspected, satisfactory.
Bad smoked haddock	Public Analyst said that it was not unfit.
½ lb mouldy butter	Representative of partner came to office. Stored for too long period of time.
Brawn with off smell	Improvements made to conditions of storage.
Mouldy portion of pork pie	Shop keeper advised re. coding and stock rotation.
Chocolate with maggot	Infestation from months in retailers storeroom.
Turkey went bad after cooking	Probably due to method of cooking and storage by purchaser. No evidence of unfitness at time of sale.

The food complaints listed were received from members of the public and were investigated by the department. In two cases, legal proceedings resulted in the business concerned being fined. All of the other cases were thoroughly investigated and warning letters sent where necessary.

Consumer Protection

During the year many inspections were made of supermarkets and general stores to ensure that only fresh food was sold. Representations were made to many food manufacturers, van salesmen and retailers regarding adequate stock rotation and proper coding systems.

It is gratifying to note that many of the larger companies are introducing 'sell by' dates, no doubt hastened by the knowledge that legislation is likely to be made shortly applying this to all types of food. There are however a few firms who still use a code which is only known and can only be read by themselves, and it is difficult to see the logic of this when the product has a limited shelf life. It is very important therefore for each shop keeper to ascertain the shelf life of the food products that he sells and if he cannot read the code to mark each product in some way so that he can check the length of time he has had it in stock.

Unsound Food

The following foodstuffs were examined at retail foodshops and certificates given when they were voluntarily surrendered:-

	Tons	cwts.	qts.	lbs.	oz.
Tinned Meat		9	2	3	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Other Tinned Food	1	6	3	27	$11\frac{1}{4}$
Frozen Food	5	1	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Fresh Fish				13	8
Miscellaneous	1	0	3	10	$12\frac{1}{2}$
Total :	7	19	0	0	$9\frac{1}{4}$

All condemned foodstuffs are disposed of by burying on the Controlled Tip, chloride of lime being used if necessary.

Poultry Inspection

There is one poultry processing establishment in the Borough and regular visits were made to the premises during the year.

The number of birds processed and condemned during 1973 is as follows:-

No. Condemned	Percentage Condemned	Hens	Broilers	Capons	Total
5,210 (25,365 lbs)	.604	73,882	752,042	36,532	862,456

SHOPS ACT

Several representations were received during the year regarding the possible lifting of the general requirement on shops to close for one afternoon each week. As a result the Public Health Department is carrying out a survey of all the shops affected to ascertain whether the majority of owners would like the situation to remain as it is or whether they would rather have the opportunity to stay open for six full days. The results will be known early next year when the Council may pass a resolution allowing all or certain trades to stay open for six days.

I N S P E C T I O N S E T C.

The following visits for inspection or re- inspection under various Acts have been made:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Dwelling Houses	40
Keeping of Animals	34
Pet Animals	15
Offensive Accumulations	52
Dust and effluvia	31
Ditches and watercourses	11
Dustbins	38
Drains and Sewers	247
Closets	3
Inns, restaurants and cinemas etc.	9
Infectious diseases	27
Food poisoning	9
Water Supply	28
Swimming Pool	13
Dangerous structure	3
Refuse Tip	14
Fire Prevention	9
Noise	47
Poisonous Waste	9

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

Industrial Premises	22
Domestic Premises	8
Miscellaneous	2

HOUSING ACTS

Individual unfit	45
Clearance	8
Other	54
Houses let in lodgings	1
Houses in multi-occupation	5
Improvement Grants	543
Rent Act	3

FACTORIES ACT

Power	2
Non-Power	1
Building Sites	1

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Hygiene Regulations/Byelaw - shops	387
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaw - stalls and vehicles	149
Ice Cream Premises	9
Milk Distribution	4
Food Inspection - meat	8
Food Inspection - other	90
Sampling	29
Slaugtherhouses	33
Condemnation	43

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT 1949

Rodents - domestic and business premises	10
Rodents - sewers	2
Insects	22
Miscellaneous	53
Interviews with owners, agents, builders etc.	121

CARAVAN SITES ACT 1960	27
OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963	163
SHOPS ACT (Survey)	59
EXPLOSIVES ACT 1875	15
PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1928	72
GAME LICENCE	1
WASTE FOODS	10
TOTAL	2,641

RODENT CONTROL

Annual Report as required by the Ministry of Agricultural, Fisheries and Food.

Properties other than sewers	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	6,771	205
2. (a) Total number of properties, including nearby premises, inspected following notification	100	8
(b) Number infested by:-		
i) rats	45	7
ii) mice	8	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	120	135
(b) Number infested by:-		
i) rats	76	45
ii) mice	-	-

Sewers

Two treatments of the sewers throughout the Borough were carried out in April and October with the following results:-

April

Total number of manholes	-	558
Number of manholes treated	-	86
Number of Manholes showing takes	-	7

October

Number of manholes treated	-	66
Number of manholes showing takes	-	-

Contracts

There are 16 concerns in the town which have contracts with the Council for the destruction of rodents. Visits to these premises vary in regularity from daily to once every six weeks, according to need.

Ashley Refuse Tip

Twelve treatments to the tip were carried out. 25 bodies were recovered, and the total estimated kill amounted to 75.

Regular spraying was carried out to keep any fly infestations to a minimum.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Only one accident was reported to this department under the Act, and it is somewhat difficult to believe that other accidents did not occur.

Any fatal accident or an accident which resulted in an employee being off work for more than 3 days must be reported to the Public Health Department on the appropriate form.

Registrations and General Inspections

	Number of premises registered during the year.	Number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	10	63	8
Retail Shops	18	116	23
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	3	6	-
Catering establishments open to the public and canteens	4	17	8
Totals:	35	202	39

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 230.

Analysis of Contraventions Found and Rectified

Section		Number Found
4	Cleanliness	7
6	Temperature	7
7	Ventilation	2
9	Sanitary Accommodation	3
10	Washing Facilities	10
11	Supply of drinking water	2
16	Floors, passages and stairs	3
24	First Aid	9
	Other Matters	8

The above contraventions are being dealt with informally by co-operation with the occupiers of the premises involved.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	-	387
Retail Shops	-	568
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	-	50
Catering Establishments open to the Public	-	75
	Total:	1080

Males : 394 Females : 686

F A C T O R I E S A C T 1 9 6 1

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	83	1	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspectors	Referred By H.M. Inspectors	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	1	1	-	1	-

OUTWORK

(Section 133 and 134.)

Nature of Work	Section 133		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Wearing apparel Making etc.	10	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas Stockings etc.	28	-	-
Total	39	-	-

Section 134		
No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(5)	(6)	(7)
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